

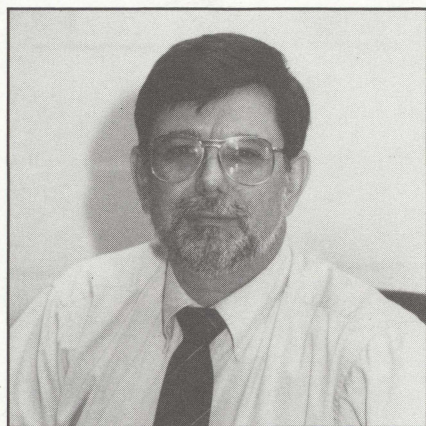


The excitement of Commencement day inspired a creative display of spirit in these graduates.



Busby's move to Counseling Dept. announced to board, campus May 12

Dr. Howard Busby, vice president for Academic Support and Student Development, will step down June 5 for health reasons from the post that he has held since the division was formed in January 1993. The an-



Dr. Howard Busby

nouncement was made by Gallaudet President I. King Jordan at the May 12 meeting of the Board of Trustees and later that day during Commencement exercises and in an electronic mail message to the campus community.

Dr. Kathy Peoples, executive director of Student Development, a unit of ASSD, has been named interim vice president.

At the board meeting, Dr. Jordan gave a report on the status in Congress of Gallaudet's pending federal appropriation for the 1996 fiscal year. Jordan also presented this information to the campus May 16 in an electronic mail message. (See comments below.) He also gave an update on campus construction projects.

In his report to the board on Busby's resignation from the vice president's post, Jordan said that he had agreed to Busby's request to join the

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Dr. Jordan updates campus on budget

Editor's Note: Gallaudet President I. King Jordan presented the following update on Congress' progress toward allocating Gallaudet's FY 1996 federal budget appropriation in a May 16 electronic mail message to faculty and staff.

During the past few days, many members of the Gallaudet community have seen or heard reports in the media concerning our federal funding. Because Congress has been moving rapidly on several issues, it has been difficult for us to get information directly from federal sources. It has been our experience in the past that the media sometimes misinterpret the very complex budget documents that are released to them, and

this appears to have happened again.

We have been given the following information by staff at the Department of Education and on the Hill.

In the non-binding budget resolution adopted by the House Budget Committee last week, there is a recommendation that Gallaudet receive in FY 1996 the same amount of funding that we are receiving this year—\$80 million. In a change from past practice, we are to receive one appropriation for the entire institution rather than separate funds for the University, Pre-College, and the endowment. The total amount, however, remains the same.

I regard this as very good news and will keep you informed as the process continues.

Spirits soar at 126th Commencement

A notably elated Class of '95 marched into the Field House for Gallaudet's 126th Commencement May 12, spirits buoyed by colorful congratulatory messages posted in Hughes Gym, where undergraduates gathered for the processional march.

"PAHinally!!!," "Your Dream Come True," and a hearty "Congratulations" with a multicolored show of hands drawn underneath were some of the words of praise on the signs that adorned the gym. Many graduating seniors also chose to sign their names and scribble messages on a gigantic "Class of 1995 autograph sheet" that hung inside the gym.

Spotted amidst the perennial "Thanks Mom and Dad" and sorority and fraternity symbols that decorate the mortarboards of graduating seniors was a cap topped with a fake movie camera, complete with film tumbling over the edges. This student also wore white gloves and huge sunglasses and carried a slate that he gave to President I. King Jordan in exchange for his diploma.

Approximately 350 students participated in Commencement exercises, including those who received degrees in December 1994 and those who are expected to graduate this August. Two hundred and sixty-three degrees were awarded: 159 bachelor's, 87 master's, nine Ph.D.s, seven specialists, and one associate of applied science.

The University presented honorary degrees to Charlotte Coffield, Marian Wright Edelman, Dr. James Hicks, and Ralph White. (See story, page 3.)

In addition, the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) awarded doctoral degrees in the Department of Administration and Supervision to eight graduates: David Alexander, Ronnie Brasel, Mark Goldfarb, Rivindra Narsiah, Marie-Therese Pierce, Reginald Redding, Maryanne

Royster, and Janis Ruoff. The first doctoral degree for a student in the Department of Education was awarded to Wayne O' Farrell. Four graduate specialist degrees and one education specialist degree also were awarded.

Earning the distinction of summa cum laude—undergraduate students graduating with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher—were Christie Abrams, Elizabeth Konkel, Russell Stein, and Thomas Sullivan. Konkel and Nickolaus Jungheim also graduated with honors. Twelve students graduated magna cum laude, with grade point averages of 3.6 or higher, and 24 graduated cum laude, with grade point averages of 3.4 or higher.

Before addressing the audience, Jordan asked several individuals to stand and be recognized, including Dr. Bill Marshall, chair of the University Faculty Senate for six years, and Dr. James DeCaro, dean and interim director of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

"I'm sure that when you arrived on campus, many of you were apprehensive not only because of the challenge you knew your academic program would present, but because you were entering a community of many strangers," Jordan said in his address to the graduates. "When you look around at your classmates today, I hope that instead of strangers you see friends, you see people who have helped you understand that many of the differences that divide us are superficial."

"I hope that when you leave [Gallaudet] you will continue to find opportunities to understand and appreciate the wondrous variety of humanity."

Anne Tomasetti, who received bachelor's degrees in theatre arts and sign communication from the School of Communication, and Charmaine Jacobs, who received a master's

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Before lining up to march to the Field House, members of the Class of '95 express what it feels like to be a new graduate by signing an autograph sheet in Hughes Gym.

Opening of KDES Project celebrated

A labor of love initiated by the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School community was finally realized May 9 when ground was broken for the school's outdoor urban wildlife habitat and new playground. The festivities continued that evening when a gala grand opening was held for the entire KDES Project.

In addition to the outdoor habitat and playground, the KDES Project includes a recently completed indoor habitat, Environmental Science Fair, and EARTHVENTURE art exhibit on display in Kendall Gallery.

Work is expected to begin this summer on the outdoor habitat, and grading may be done for the new playground, according to Sara Gillespie, content specialist in KDES' Center for Curriculum Development, Research, and Evaluation. Gillespie and KDES science teacher Dr. Fred Mangrubang were principal authors of a proposal that earned KDES a grant of \$10,000 a year for three years from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid, to develop the indoor and outdoor habitats.

While seven students from KDES and visiting deaf students from the Derdic School of Sao Paulo, Brazil, struggled to break the turf with small shovels, their fellow students showered the site with the contents of small packets of bird seed.

In many ways, the ritual celebrated new and renewed unions established by the KDES Project. The undertaking, which started in 1992, has strengthened bonds within the KDES community, enlisted the support of the University, encouraged financial assistance from many private and public donors, and initiated a long-distance partnership between KDES and the Derdic School in putting together EARTHVENTURE.

"This project exemplifies what Kendall School is about," said Gallaudet President I. King Jordan in his address at the KDES Project program. "Here you have a special project that can be shared with other schools around the country and around the world to make studying the environment exciting."

"Today is a very exciting day for all of us here at Kendall," said KDES Principal Nancy Rarus at the KDES Project program. "We saw many worlds meet and come together." Indeed, the ceremony, which filled the KDES Auditorium to capacity and beyond, was a forum for the intermingling of several cultures and was inter-

preted in English, American Sign Language, and Portuguese. Rarus commended the efforts of the indoor and outdoor habitat committees, the playground committee, the science fair committee, and KDES art teacher and EARTHVENTURE organizer Phil Bogdan, who she jokingly called "a person who can't think small."

Additional praise was given to the many donors who have supported the KDES Project, notably the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, which pledged \$25,000, the Freddie Mac Foundation, which gave \$10,000, and Marilyn Galloway, director of Pre-College Outreach, and her husband, Vic, chief of the Deafness and Communication Disorders Branch in the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Education.

The audience was then entertained by students from the Derdic School, who performed a dance depicting the conflict between ancient and modern cultures and the resulting destruction of the rain forest. Next, Roy Geiger Jr. and Courtney Fortier of the National Wildlife Federation, representing the Wildlife Center of Virginia, gave a presentation on the vital need for everyone to take a role in preserving the environment. The presenters illustrated their message by producing three live animals—a long-eared owl, an opossum, and a red tailed hawk—all of which have suffered in some way from humans' actions.

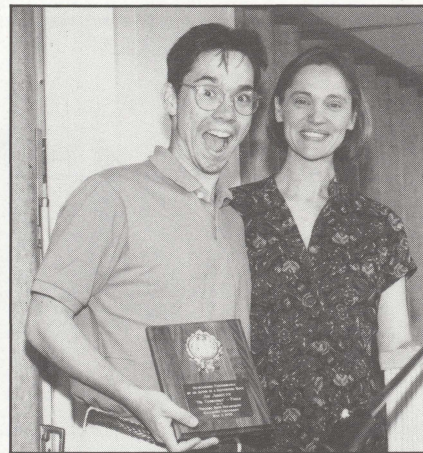
After the opening ceremony the audience spent the evening visiting the Environmental Science Fair on display May 8 to 12 in the school's main hall, the indoor habitat, and EARTHVENTURE.

In addition to the Derdic School students' art portraying life in the rain forest and the various environmental subjects shown in the KDES students' work, visitors to EARTHVENTURE were entertained by a puppet theater, Walt Disney's *The Lion King*, an environmental slide show, a dynamic computer presentation by the Knowledge Adventure Company, and six video monitors featuring a documentary of Derdic School's process in creating "Projecto Terra" (EARTHVENTURE), Brazilian Indian culture, and depicting the grandeur of nature.

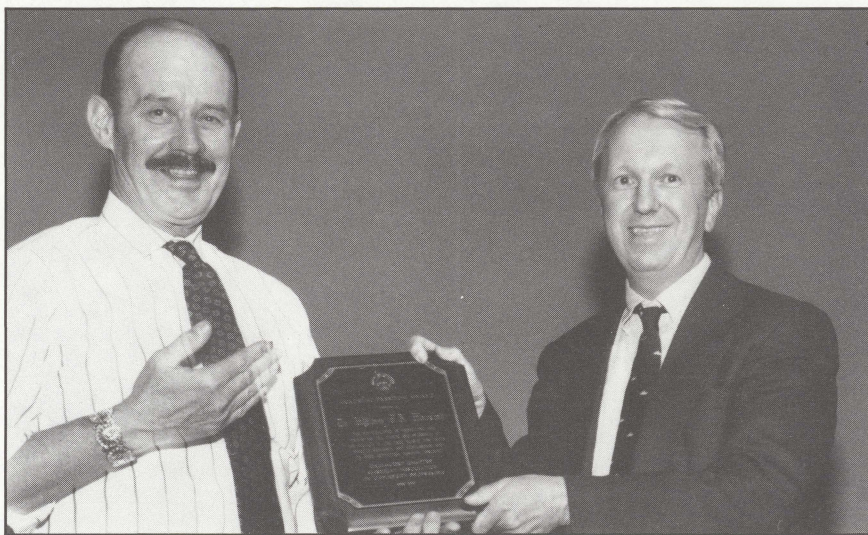
Members of the Gallaudet community who missed the grand opening of EARTHVENTURE will be able to visit the exhibit from until June 13. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. The exhibit will reopen in September.



Graduating seniors talk with Special Assistant to the President Jack Gannon at a reception in their honor. The Senior Gift Campaign raised more than \$2,500 for the new Gallaudet University Conference Center.



Gallaudet student Joe Josselyn receives the Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Role Award for his part in *Fools from Theatre Department Chair Victoria Brown* at the School of Communication Awards Day.



Dr. Bill Marshall (left) receives the first Gallaudet chapter Academic Freedom Award from Dr. Neil Reynolds, chapter president of the American Association of University Professors.

Board of Trustees holds spring meeting

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Department of Counseling this fall as a professor.

Busby taught courses in the Department of Counseling for many years while holding various administrative positions at the University. He started his career at Gallaudet in 1983 as assistant dean of the School of Preparatory Studies, and later held the positions of director of the National Academy and dean of Student Affairs.

In his e-mail message, Jordan said Busby "has been a highly effective vice president and a tireless and dedicated worker on behalf of the student population. . . . Over the last two years, Dr. Busby has made significant contributions to the areas of student retention, development, discipline, and multicultural student programming.

"He has been a valuable member of the President's Council, and I will miss his advice and counsel regarding student issues."

Jordan also emphasized Busby's eminent qualifications in counseling, saying that he is the only deaf professional in the world to hold a Ph.D. in counseling and guidance.

Jordan said of Peoples' appointment, "I am completely confident that she will provide effective leadership and know you will give her your full support."

Jordan also updated the board on Kendall green construction projects.

- *Sixth Street parking garage*—The four-level, 360-space garage should be completed by August and open by the beginning of the fall 1995 academic semester.

- *Chapel Hall*—The stone on the exterior of the historic building should be replaced by late summer. Next, an

architect's study will be conducted to make plans to renovate the interior of the building.

- *Gallaudet University Conference Center*—The center is nearing completion and is expected to open Aug. 1.
- *Cogswell Hall*—Over the summer the building will be renovated and an elevator will be installed.
- *Fay House*—House Three is being renovated as a future home for the Gallaudet Interpreting Service.

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Students from KDES and the Derdic School of Sao Paulo, Brazil, break ground at a May 9 ceremony for a new playground and outdoor habitat, two components of the KDES Project.

Edelman addresses Class of '95



Marian Wright Edelman

Commencement speaker Marian Wright Edelman told Gallaudet's graduating students that they are living in an era of "unbearable dissonance" and referred to a question raised by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, "Where do we go from here: chaos or community?"

Edelman is the founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund and was the guest speaker at Gallaudet's 126th graduation ceremony held May 12 in the Field House. She also was the first African-American woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, has written several books, and received several awards, including more than 80 honorary degrees from the United States' leading colleges and universities.

Describing the United States today as a country suffering from moral confusion and danger, violence, the breakdown of the family and political volatility, Edelman said that King's question demands an answer today. "We must all make sure that hate loses and that love and America wins," she said.

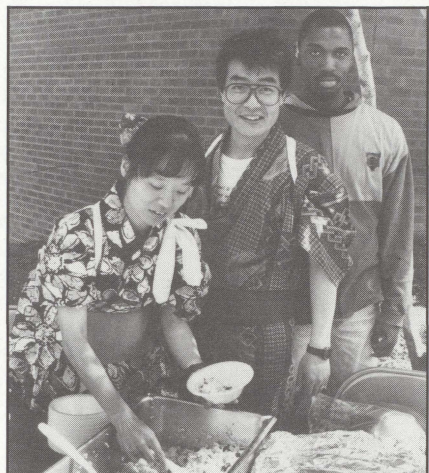
She told the graduates and guests that they must ask hard questions about the direction this country is taking, fully consider its human and economic consequences, and "make sure the House and Senate do not rush to change America's values permanently without adequate debate. Be aware. Get involved. Our children's, families', and nation's futures are too important to leave to politicians."

Today, in the United States, said Edelman, a child is abused or neglected every 26 seconds, is born into poverty every half minute, is born to a teen mother every minute, is arrested for a violent crime every five minutes, and is killed by guns every two hours. She asked everyone to take a personal accounting of whether they are contributing to the crisis that America's children, families, and communities face today or to the solutions urgently needed.

"So I hope you will judge any proposal from any party on two grounds: 1) will it make more or fewer children and families worse off now and in the future; and 2) is it fair in the sacrifice it demands from the powerful and from the weak," she said.

"It is essential to thoughtfully examine the appropriate roles of the federal, state, and local governments and of the private sector in specific areas; to sort out policies that work and don't work; to eliminate those that don't; and to strengthen those that do," said Edelman. "But it is equally essential not to hurt children or increase the number of poor Americans in the process."

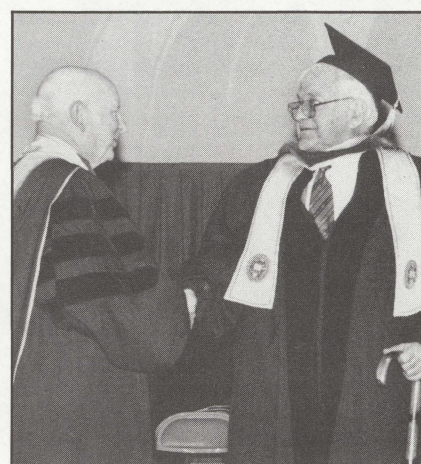
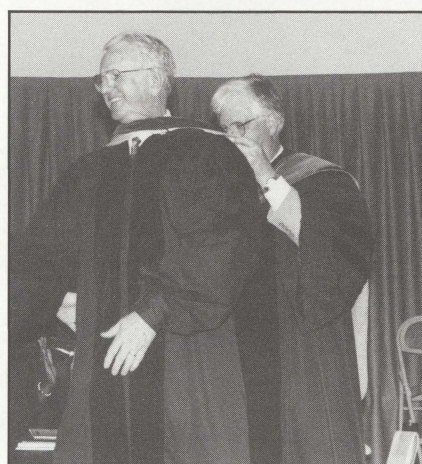
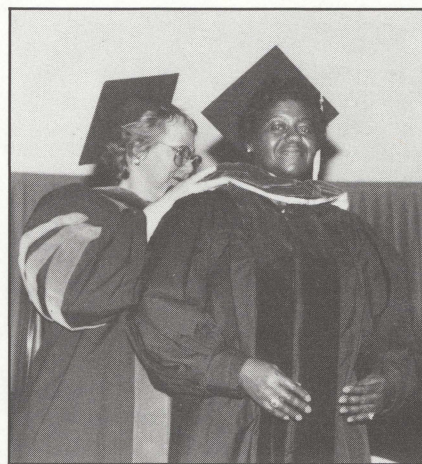
Among Edelman's closing advice was a point she directed particularly at those who may have children. "Plan for and take parenting and family life as seriously as you do your career—both young men and women."



Asian dishes and a demonstration by a Zen archer were two highlights of MSSD's Spring Festival.



The May 10 Friends of Gallaudet Dinner, which honors major supporters of the University, marked the first event to be held in the Gallaudet University Conference Center.



(Clockwise from top left): CAS Dean Jane Dillehay hoods Charlotte Coffield; School of Preparatory Studies Dean Ann Davidson hoods Marian Wright Edelman; Board of Trustees Member Philip Sprinkle congratulates Dr. James Hicks; CCE and School of Management Dean Jim Speegle hoods Ralph White.

Four Honorary degrees awarded

Gallaudet awarded four honorary degrees and recognized four present and former faculty members at its 126th Commencement exercises May 12.

Honorary doctor of laws degrees went to Marian Wright Edelman, who also presented the Commencement address, Charlotte Coffield, Dr. James Hicks, and Ralph White, '46. The degrees were presented by Gallaudet President I. King Jordan and Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen.

Dr. William McCrone, a professor in the Department of Counseling, read the citation awarding Coffield's degree. A longtime advocate for deaf people in the U.S. Department of Education, Coffield helped found the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association. She helped manage federal graduate school support for deaf and minority rehabilitation specialists serving deaf and hard of hearing people and manage 30 federally funded interpreter training programs. Chuck Williams, a member of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Jane Dillehay, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, assisted in awarding the degree to Coffield.

Dr. Carol Padden, a member of the Board of Trustees, read the citation awarding Edelman her degree. Edelman founded the Children's Defense Fund in 1973 and serves as its president. She was the first African-American woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar and later served as counsel for the Poor People's March begun by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Mike Moore, vice chair of the University Faculty and associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Ann Davidson, dean of the School of Preparatory Studies, assisted in awarding Edelman's degree.

Jean Crabtree, a member of the Board of Trustees, read the citation awarding the degree to Hicks, who retired last year after serving 26 years on Gallaudet's Board of Trustees.

Hicks was recognized for generating support for the University from members of the Congress and from the private sector. He was instrumental in obtaining the \$12 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation that made construction of the new Gallaudet University Conference Center possible. Alexander Patterson and Dr. Philip Sprinkle, both Board of Trustees members, assisted in awarding the degree to Hicks.

Board of Trustees member John Yeh read the citation awarding White's degree. White became one of only three deaf school superintendents in the nation when he was appointed superintendent of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in 1981. He also is credited with establishing the first regional Very Special Arts program for deaf students. He was a founding member of the National Theatre of the Deaf, served as president of the Texas Association of the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf, and twice chaired the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. White now serves as president of the National Association of Deaf Senior Citizens. Dr. James Speegle, dean of the School of Continuing Education, and Bill Graham, a member of the Board of Trustees, assisted in awarding White's degree.

Dr. Barry Crouch, a professor in the History Department, was recognized as the recipient of the 1995 President's Distinguished Faculty Award. Receiving professor emeritus status were Dr. Louis Townsley, former professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures; Dr. Philip Goldberg, former professor in the English Department; and the late Dr. Martin Minter, professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation.



Students at the Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony bask in the joy of accomplishment, while a few faces reflect more contemplative thoughts.

Graduate students honored at hooding

It was a day of praise, smiles, and hugs as 118 of Gallaudet's outgoing graduate students donned their gowns and received the hoods of their academic disciplines at the University's 126th Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony. Several other students earned their degrees but did not participate in the ceremonies, held May 11 in Elstad Auditorium.

In addition to awards going to graduates, two graduate faculty members were honored. Professors of counseling William McCrone and Patrick Brice received special recognition for their commitment and support of the Department of Counseling over the years as both move to other positions at Gallaudet. Dr. McCrone will become interim dean of the School of Education and Human Services June 1, and Dr. Brice will become a professor of psychology in the Clinical Psychology Program, Department of Psychology.

Dr. David Martin, who is stepping down from 10 years as dean of SEHS to teach full time in the Department of Education, was the featured speaker for the event.

Martin urged graduates to seek out people to act as mentors as they begin their careers and also to look into how they may become mentors to other young professionals in their fields. He encouraged students to keep in touch with Gallaudet faculty. "I know that you will always get a helpful response if you will take a moment to ask us about an issue that came up on the job and in which you need to relink with us rather than someone on the job. We remain deeply interested in assuring your success," he said.

Martin also urged students to continue learning and to add to the knowledge of their fields. "The linking with a mentor while keeping alive a spirit of inquiry will serve you well," he told graduates.

Dr. Michael Karchmer, dean of the Graduate School and Research, presented Martin with a plaque commemorating his 10 years as dean.

Three awards were presented for the first time this year. The Thomas J. Landers Award went to Charmaine Elisa Jacobs as a student who showed outstanding promise in the field of special education administration. The Outstanding Linguistics Award went to Julie Marie Wilson. The Ron Coffey Award for excellence in interpreting went to Andree Martine Gagnon

The School of Communication Award for students most likely to create change or have an impact on their fields went to Susan J. Schatz of the Department of ASL, Linguistics, and Interpretation and Amy Lynn Donaldson of the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

Several awards incorporate the entire Graduate School rather than focusing on individual departments and disciplines. The Outstanding Graduate Student Achievement Awards recognize graduate students who have been exemplary contributors to their fields during their graduate programs. Three students were chosen this year: Mala Silverman Kleinfeld, Cynthia Ann Paulus, and Lisa Anne Sully.

The Writing/Research Award for an outstanding research project or other written paper by a student during the graduate program went to Kleinfeld and Oenone Warner for their paper, "Variation in the Deaf Community Relating to Gay, Lesbian, and Bi Signs." A third student, Mark Drolsbach, also received this award for developing an outline and materials for a graduate-level course about health and wellness.

The Outstanding Collaboration Award went to the late Dr. Beth Davy, a professor of education at the University of Maryland, for her exemplary quality support to Gallaudet graduate programs and for her significant contributions to the lives of deaf people. Her husband, Dr. George Macready, accepted the award.



President Jordan recognizes Polly Peikoff, wife of the late Dr. David Peikoff (left photo), and Edward C. Merrill, III, son of the late Dr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr., Gallaudet's fourth president (right photo), at a ceremony noting the addition of David Peikoff's and Edward Merrill, Jr.'s names to a memorial plaque in EMG. With Peikoff are members of her family (from left): son-in-law Dr. Richard Meisegeier, granddaughter Deborah, daughter Joyce, and grandson David. With Merrill is his wife, Nancy.

Graduate speakers express hope for future

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degree in administration from SEHS, talked to their fellow graduates about their University experience and the promise that the future holds.

Tomasetti asked the graduates to look back at their accomplishments and forward to life after graduation, and to remember those whose lives have touched them during their years at Gallaudet. "We have two educations," she said, "one which we receive from our teachers, friends, and family. The other—and the most valuable—is the one which we give ourselves. We are the people who have exposed ourselves and let the light of knowledge in."

Jacobs recalled how Gallaudet had helped her clarify her goals after graduation. She shared her experiences growing up as a deaf person with hearing parents and a deaf brother and of being mainstreamed through her senior year in college. She encouraged graduates to join both the deaf and hearing cultures. "Assimilating in both culture is

difficult, but once we do, our lives will become more interesting and fulfilling," Jacobs said.

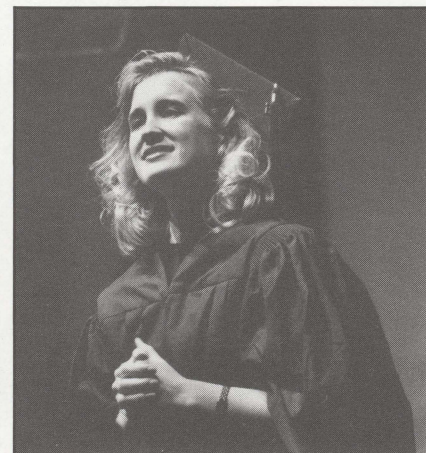
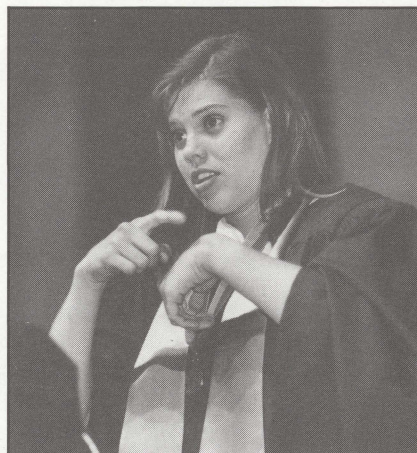
Jacobs ended her remarks by telling her classmates, "What we have learned here at Gallaudet we must now use to educate others to improve the general quality of life and understanding for all people. You all have something special to contribute; please utilize your talents and capabilities."

Wisher in hospital

Professor emeritus Dr. Peter Wisner, who retired from the Department of Physical Education and Recreation in 1981, was involved in an automobile accident in Pennsylvania on April 24.

Wisher is expected to be hospitalized at the Hershey Trauma Center for approximately three months.

His wife, Anna Wisner, will transport cards and notes from well-wishers to him. Please send correspondence to the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, Field House, Room 101D.



Anne Tomasetti (left) and Charmaine Jacobs address their fellow graduates at Commencement.



A graduate gathers with her personal fan club following the Commencement ceremony.

